



## **LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes**

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

Attendees: Andy Robinson (Vice Chair), Lisa Krinsky, Brooks Harrelson, Helene Newberg, Keith March Mistler, Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Maura Albert, Lenny Goldstein,

Liaisons: Jillian Harvey - Arlington DEI, Marci Ide Shapiro – Arlington COA/Senior Center

Guests: Cody Boisclair, Carolina Prieto-MAPC

### Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. LK assigned as minute-taker.

Review of notice regarding videoconferencing for public meetings

1. Announcements:
  - a. Welcome to new Commissioners – Keith March Mistler, Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Maura Albert and Lenny Goldstein.
  - b. Brief introductions by all present – proposed plan for new Commissioner orientation in the next few weeks
2. Open Forum:

- a. Carolina Prieto of Metro Area Planning Council (MAPC) is working on Arlington Fair Housing Action Plan and plans to host virtual focus group for Arlington residents to share their experiences with affordability, accessibility, etc. Discussion about LGBTQ community and housing, Commission has no records of LGBTQ complaints/issues regarding housing and sexual orientation/gender identity. Commission offers to promote these focus groups via Rainbow Commission social media.
  - b. Arlington High School Internship Program –Commission considers hosting an intern for Fall 2020. Would require development of job description, interview, supervision for tasks etc. Brooks has worked with these interns on other projects and found them enthusiastic and helpful. Intern could provide support for Commission minutes, website update, blog posts and other projects. Can work with Commission virtually.
3. Consent Agenda: including April minutes. BH moved to approve; SRV seconded; passed.
4. COVID 19: No further requests for assistance. Arlington has strong mutual aid systems in place. Arlington Human Rights Commission will host good panel on COVID next week.
5. Pride 2020
  - a. Celebration: Commission will not host outdoor scheduled picnic and celebration on 6/20/20 at Robbins House library lawn as previously planned. Instead Rainbow Commission will host a virtual/remote Pride celebration at that time: 2-4pm 6/20. BYOB – Bring Your Own Boia. Details to be confirmed at next meeting.
  - b. Pride Proclamation: will edit/revise and then resubmit for Select Board review and distribution. Commission will not paint Town Hall cross walk this year due to social distancing.
  - c. Pride Banners: Commission is intent on having Pride banners created for annual display on light posts along Mass Ave in Arlington Center. Banners are \$350 each, ideal to have 8 banners (total of \$2800) and seeking sponsors to contribute to cost. SRV asked Reps Garballey and Rogers as well as Sen Freedman – awaiting reply. Commission will use our own money budgeted for Pride (food, swag, decorations etc.) to purchase banners since virtual event will not need these supplies. Graphic design will be donated, reviewed, approved; goal to have banners up by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. Budget: FY 2021 budget request of \$4000. Will discuss new candidate for unfilled treasurer position at next meeting.
7. Membership: All Commission seats now filled.
8. Subcommittees: Will review goals of subcommittees and membership with new Commissioners.
9. Liaisons and Partnerships: COA/Senior Center LGBTQ events regularly on Tuesdays; Library continues Reel Queer book/movie group virtually.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m. (BH moved; HN seconded; passed)

Next meeting: June 18, 6:30 pm, remote via videoconference.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Krinsky, Commissioner